

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph that follows paragraph [0003] and starts at the top of page 2 of the originally filed application as follows:

[0004] Communication systems can incorporate two or more transmission channels for transmitting the same program or data to mitigate the undesirable effects of fading or multipath. For example, a time diversity communication system delays the transmission of program material on one transmission channel by a selected time interval with respect to the transmission of the same program material on a second transmission channel. The duration of the time interval is determined by the duration of the service outage to be avoided. The non-delayed channel is delayed at the receiver so that the two channels can be combined, or the program material in the two channels selected, via receiver circuitry. One such time diversity system is a digital broadcast system (DBS) employing two satellite transmission channels.